IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE INTO THE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PREPARATION AND USE

· Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 24, 2003, please consider the following. A four-month Extension of Time up to and including December 24, 2003, in compliance with 37 C. F. R. 1.17 (a)(4), is enclosed herewith. A check in the amount of \$1,480.00 is also enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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